MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD MSA'S

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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The Missouri unemployment rate held steady at 6.6 percent, and total employment dropped by about 56,500 in January. This marks the first January in the 16 year history of the labor force data in which the unemployment rate has not shown a seasonal increase. This unusual occurrence can partly be attributed to the unusually mild and dry weather in January compared to more wintry weather in December and wet weather in November, which probably helped limit weather-related unemployment in January. Another factor is the benchmarking of the 1985 data, which led to an increase of four-tenths of a point in the reported unemployment rate for December.

The drop in total employment experienced in January (from a benchmarked figure of 2,330,400 in December to 2,273,900 in January) is more in line with the usual seasonal pattern, although it may be a little smaller than expected. Total employment is now about 64,900 higher than a year ago, while the number of jobless Missourians fell by 20,700 in the same period to 161,700. The unemployment rate is a full percentage point lower than January 1985's 7.6 percent rate.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment also dropped seasonally, decreasing by 38,800 jobs from December. Seasonal declines in retail trade (16,400 jobs); state and local government because of semester breaks at many schools (7300 jobs); and construction (5700 jobs) accounted for the bulk of the decrease; a drop of 2200 in durable goods manufacturing and small decreases spread through other industries made up the rest.

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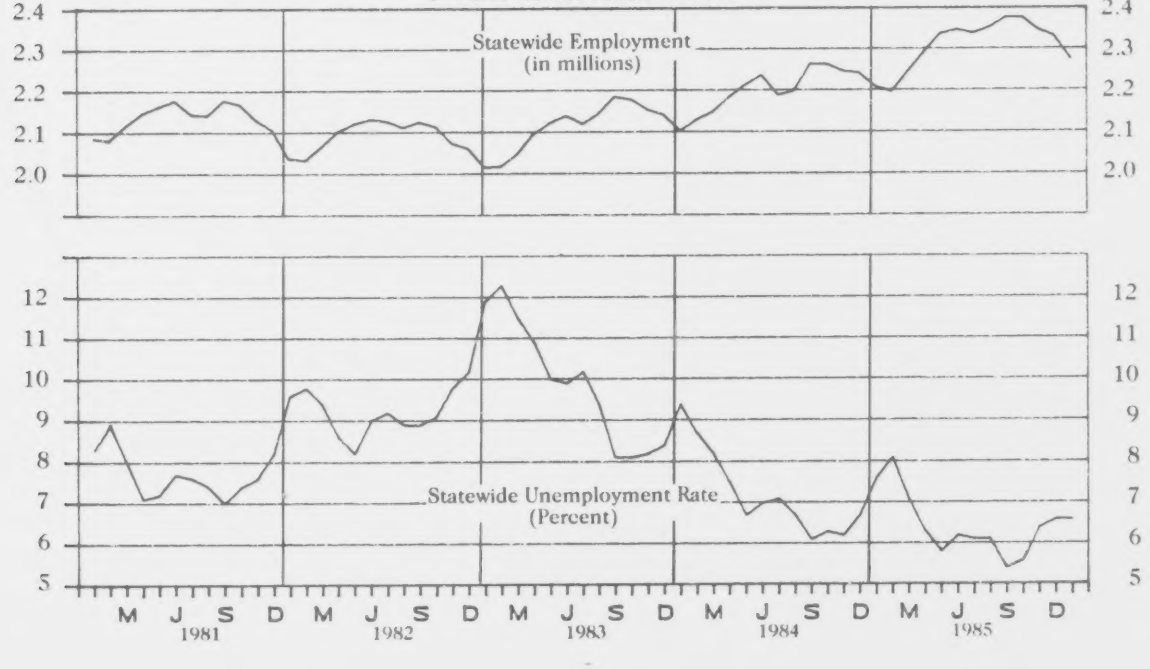

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JAN 1986 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - DEC 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JAN 1985 (BENCHMARKED 1985)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2435621	2273920	161701	6.6	2493937	2330419	163518	6.6	2391418	2209004	182414	7.6
KANSAS CITY MSA	794002	755049	38953	4.9	819086	780150	38936	4.8	786352	742777	43575	5.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	112924	106969	5955	5.3	113731	107717	6014	5.3	109069	102546	6523	6.0
COLUMBIA MSA	55532	53590	1942	3.5	60003	57456	2547	4.2	57182	54273	2909	5.1
JOPLIN MSA	65185	61369	3816	5.9	66724	62735	3989	6.0	63310	59148	4162	6.6
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41029	37611	3418	8.3	42080	39112	2968	7.1	41387	37902	3485	8.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13373	12559	814	6.1	13911	13047	864	6.2	13334	12208	1126	8.4
ANDREW	7187	6679	508	7.1	7406	6981	425	5.7	6719	6260	459	6.8
ATCHISON	3179	2977	202	6.4	3308	3092	216	6.5	3312	2973	339	10.2
AUDRAIN	10302	9597	705	6.8	10692	9887	805	7.5	11136	10060	1076	9.7
BARRY	11461	10753	708	6.2	11841	10980	861	7.3	11207	10452	755	6.7
BARTON	5183	4993	190	3.7	5251	5009	242	4.6	5099	4872	227	4.5
BATES	6215	5726	489	7.9	6481	5981	500	7.7	6250	5737	513	8.2
BENTON	5283	4644	639	12.1	5429	4820	609	11.2	5217	4559	658	12.6
BOLLINGER	3459	2945	514	14.9	3592	3095	497	13.8	3556	2994	562	15.8
BUTLER	15733	13982	1751	11.1	16162	14582	1580	9.8	16288	14380	1908	11.7
CALDWELL	3025	2776	249	8.2	3076	2839	238	7.7	3117	2850	267	8.6
CALLAWAY	14511	13573	938	6.5	14830	13826	1004	6.8	15448	14032	1416	9.2
CAMDEN	12894	11539	1355	10.5	13316	12127	1189	8.9	11972	10591	1381	11.5
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31733	30110	1623	5.1	32937	31453	1484	4.5	31720	29794	1926	6.1
CARROLL	5159	4735	424	8.2	5365	4858	507	9.5	4891	4482	409	8.4
CARTER	2047	1675	372	18.2	2241	1824	417	18.6	2382	2030	352	14.8
CEDAR	4862	4515	347	7.1	4945	4562	383	7.7	4878	4400	478	9.8
CHARITON	4951	4622	329	6.6	5080	4686	394	7.8	4541	4177	364	8.0
CLARK	3721	3414	307	8.3	3683	3446	237	6.4	3772	3370	402	10.7
CLINTON	5947	5511	436	7.3	6164	5692	472	7.7	6578	5997	581	8.8
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37900	35770	2130	5.6	38704	36626	2078	5.4	37206	34736	2470	6.6
COOPER	6690	6162	528	7.9	6977	6346	631	9.0	6675	6110	565	8.5
CRAWFORD	6456	5746	710	11.0	6591	5866	725	11.0	7200	6304	896	12.4
DADE	2742	2571	171	6.2	2877	2675	202	7.0	2832	2678	154	5.4
DALLAS	3833	3362	471	12.3	3973	3474	499	12.6	3749	3260	489	13.0
DAVIESS	3667	3455	212	5.8	3781	3549	232	6.1	3663	3349	314	8.6
DEKALB	3852	3596	256	6.6	4045	3728	317	7.8	3679	3407	272	7.4
DENT	5231	4650	581	11.1	5411	4832	579	10.7	5497	4742	755	13.7
DOUGLAS	5047	4498	549	10.9	5119	4589	530	10.4	4886	4194	692	14.2
DUNKLIN	13485	11946	1539	11.4	13863	12404	1459	10.5	13667	11699	1968	14.4
GASCONADE	6784	6414	370	5.5	6999	6654	345	4.9	6858	6338	520	7.6
GENTRY	3034	2850	184	6.1	3140	2967	173	5.5	3188	2988	200	6.3
GRUNDY	4971	4605	366	7.4	5083	4732	351	6.9	5199	4808	391	7.5
HARRISON	4775	4434	341	7.1	4903	4577	326	6.6	4714	4399	315	6.7
HENRY	8422	7683	739	8.8	8717	7878	839	9.6	8575	7613	962	11.2
HICKORY	2824	2552	272	9.6	2855	2585	270	9.5	2445	2178	267	10.9
HOLT	2482	2308	174	7.0	2638	2502	136	5.2	2468	2207	261	10.6
HOWARD	4367	4092	275	6.3	4498	4180	318	7.1	4543	4181	362	8.0
HOWELL	12205	10967	1238	10.1	12770	11526	1244	9.7	12971	11521	1450	11.2
IRON	3444	2963	481	14.0	3464	2986	478	13.8	3709	2787	922	24.9
JOHNSON	16740	16027	713	4.3	17854	17034	820	4.6	17253	16476	777	4.5
KNOX	2050	1832	218	10.6	2144	1954	190	8.9	2058	1780	278	13.5
LACLEDE	11599	10521	1078	9.3	11840	10610	1230	10.4	12169	10990	1179	9.7
LAWRENCE	13718	12782	936	6.8	14174	13255	919	6.5	13475	12522	953	7.1
LEWIS	5281	4765	516	9.8	5232	4735	497	9.5	5006	4541	465	9.3

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LINCOLN	11022	10163	859	7.8	11315	10397	918	8.1	10269	9355	914	8.9
LINN	6445	5779	666	10.3	6522	5912	610	9.4	6450	5729	721	11.2
LIVINGSTON	6624	6198	426	6.4	6830	6344	486	7.1	6600	6014	586	8.9
MACON	7488	6884	604	8.1	7878	7221	657	8.3	7804	7213	591	7.6
MADISON	4038	3633	405	10.0	4141	3641	500	12.1	4139	3631	508	12.3
MARIES	3728	3437	291	7.8	3810	3510	300	7.9	3689	3404	285	7.7
MARION/RALLS LMA	17992	16472	1520	8.4	18245	16758	1487	8.2	17254	15589	1665	9.6
MCDONALD	7580	7116	464	6.1	7635	7139	496	6.5	7162	6600	562	7.8
MERCER	1577	1448	129	8.2	1577	1492	85	5.4	1602	1475	127	7.9
MILLER	9436	8021	1415	15.0	9645	8323	1322	13.7	9079	7378	1701	18.7
MISSISSIPPI	6172	5275	897	14.5	6428	5619	809	12.6	6312	5395	917	14.5
MONITEAU	6013	5180	833	13.9	6431	5672	759	11.8	5890	4925	965	16.4
MONROE	4893	4614	279	5.7	4905	4598	307	6.3	4449	4132	317	7.1
MONTGOMERY	4868	4442	426	8.8	4989	4553	436	8.7	4949	4405	544	11.0
MORGAN	6051	5264	787	13.0	6596	5790	806	12.2	6413	5592	821	12.8
NEW MADRID	8844	7681	1163	13.2	9033	7977	1056	11.7	9578	8300	1278	13.3
NODAWAY	10048	9543	505	5.0	10615	10030	585	5.5	9921	9351	570	5.7
OREGON	3512	3159	353	10.1	3714	3242	472	12.7	3734	3198	536	14.4
OZARK	3075	2746	329	10.7	3194	2890	304	9.5	3295	2844	451	13.7
PEMISCOT	8717	7823	894	10.3	8740	7934	806	9.2	8794	7753	1041	11.8
PERRY	7546	7073	473	6.3	7704	7265	439	5.7	7420	6757	663	8.9
PETTIS	17984	16481	1503	8.4	18639	17210	1429	7.7	17519	16023	1496	8.5
PHELPS	15821	14879	942	6.0	16245	15221	1024	6.3	15411	14275	1136	7.4
PIKE	8134	7478	656	8.1	8412	7719	693	8.2	7462	6564	898	12.0
POLK	8657	7974	683	7.9	8955	8293	662	7.4	9026	8458	568	6.3
PULASKI	11639	10850	789	6.8	11513	10675	838	7.3	11335	10500	835	7.4
PUTNAM	2022	1880	142	7.0	2163	2009	154	7.1	2201	1974	227	10.3
RANDOLPH	12070	11120	950	7.9	12178	11246	932	7.7	11722	10771	951	8.1
REYNOLDS	1936	1582	354	18.3	1911	1536	375	19.6	2097	1601	496	23.7
RIPLEY	4143	3656	487	11.8	4468	4027	441	9.9	4047	3542	505	12.5
SALINE	11546	10858	688	6.0	12075	11250	825	6.8	12019	11097	922	7.7
SCOTLAND	2432	2255	177	7.3	2461	2296	165	6.7	2293	2124	169	7.4
SCOTT	17341	15765	1576	9.1	17816	16268	1548	8.7	16709	14907	1802	10.8
SHANNON	3013	2450	563	18.7	3076	2529	547	17.8	3460	2879	581	16.8
SHELBY	3553	3304	249	7.0	3670	3465	205	5.6	3443	3231	212	6.2
ST. CLAIR	3009	2803	206	6.8	3163	2937	226	7.1	3221	2936	285	8.8
ST. FRANCOIS	17818	16002	1816	10.2	18384	16498	1886	10.3	18009	15792	2217	12.3
STE. GENEVIEVE	7050	6430	620	8.8	7095	6643	452	6.4	6346	5846	500	7.9
STODDARD	12616	11364	1252	9.9	12993	11726	1267	9.8	12333	10800	1533	12.4
STONE	8058	6563	1495	18.6	8510	7098	1412	16.6	7586	6077	1509	19.9
SULLIVAN	3466	3267	199	5.7	3551	3338	213	6.0	3367	3100	267	7.9
TANEY	12975	10801	2174	16.8	13461	11516	1945	14.4	12225	9905	2320	19.0
TEXAS	9490	8251	1239	13.1	9635	8559	1076	11.2	9290	7938	1352	14.6
VERNON	8750	8301	449	5.1	8989	8405	584	6.5	8791	8226	565	6.4
WARREN	8764	8226	538	6.1	9030	8487	543	6.0	8207	7616	591	7.2
WASHINGTON	6376	5475	901	14.1	6407	5466	941	14.7	6488	5423	1065	16.4
WAYNE	4080	3407	673	16.5	4198	3597	601	14.3	4218	3562	656	15.6
WEBSTER	9577	8581	996	10.4	9510	8589	921	9.7	9066	8215	851	9.4
WORTH	1257	1179	78	6.2	1355	1275	80	5.9	1143	1053	90	7.9
WRIGHT	6777	6003	774	11.4	6881	6189	692	10.1	7037	6199	838	11.9
ST LOUIS MSA (MO PART)	904805	848160	56645	6.3	920821	863920	56901	6.2	875436	814003	61433	7.0

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
January, 1986

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2090.9	2129.7	2030.6									
Total Manufacturing	426.0	428.5	428.8	400.49	411.27	373.58	40.7	41.5	39.7	9.84	9.91	9.41
Durable Goods	244.1	246.3	243.8	450.66	462.67	409.66	42.0	42.8	40.4	10.73	10.81	10.14
Lumber & Wood Products	10.3	9.8	10.1	244.05	242.82	230.63	39.3	38.3	37.5	6.21	6.34	6.15
Furniture & Fixtures	10.2	10.2	10.2	312.82	328.10	307.45	39.9	44.7	43.0	7.84	7.34	7.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.9	11.0	10.7	476.98	430.73	404.81	43.8	41.1	40.2	10.89	10.48	10.07
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	630.05	565.96	529.70	42.6	40.6	39.5	14.79	13.94	13.41
Structural Clay Prod.	1.9	2.0	2.1	521.85	495.29	492.47	42.6	40.3	42.2	12.25	12.29	11.67
Other Stone, Clay & Glass	8.0	8.0	7.5									
Primary Metal Industries	12.5	12.2	13.6	468.35	475.23	432.53	42.5	43.4	39.5	11.02	10.95	10.95
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.8	1.6	2.0	393.81	394.54	352.04	39.9	40.8	39.6	9.87	9.67	8.89
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.0	347.34	343.56	335.81	42.0	42.0	42.4	8.27	8.18	7.92
Other Primary Metals	7.4	7.4	8.6									
Fabricated Metal Products	28.5	28.9	28.3	413.42	411.52	381.64	42.1	42.6	40.3	9.82	9.66	9.47
Structural Metal Prod.	11.4	11.6	10.7	403.54	404.98	362.50	42.3	42.9	40.1	9.54	9.44	9.04
Other Fab. Metal Prod.	17.1	17.3	17.6									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.6	31.2	31.5	411.01	427.66	394.13	41.6	41.4	40.3	9.88	10.33	9.78
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	49.3	49.3	51.5	396.76	400.86	376.48	41.2	41.8	40.7	9.63	9.59	9.25
Transportation Equipment	72.9	74.6	69.5	606.63	637.77	546.74	43.3	45.2	41.8	14.01	14.11	13.08
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	37.5	37.6	34.3	639.91	691.48	581.65	44.5	47.2	42.8	14.38	14.65	13.59
Other Transportation Equip.	35.4	37.0	35.3									
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.8	11.6	331.19	322.70	270.99	44.1	41.8	37.9	7.51	7.72	7.15
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.1	7.2	6.8	242.73	266.53	232.70	36.5	39.9	35.8	6.65	6.68	6.50
Nondurable Goods	181.9	182.3	185.0	334.70	343.08	325.01	39.1	39.8	38.6	8.56	8.62	8.42
Food & Kindred Products	43.3	43.5	44.4	391.20	394.01	382.45	40.0	41.0	40.3	9.78	9.61	9.49
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.1	12.2	11.9	270.36	272.00	261.69	38.9	40.0	39.0	6.95	6.80	6.71
Dairy Products	6.3	6.4	6.0	400.06	408.62	392.60	41.5	41.4	41.9	9.64	9.87	9.37
Grain Mill Products	7.4	7.3	7.3	457.74	419.42	421.45	42.7	41.2	41.4	10.72	10.18	10.18
Bakery Products	5.5	5.5	5.3	384.92	390.72	386.80	37.7	38.8	37.3	10.21	10.07	10.37
Beverages	7.7	7.7	9.4	625.97	639.63	590.73	40.7	41.4	40.6	15.38	15.45	14.55

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Other Food & Kindred	4.4	4.4	4.5	363.46	424.26	408.43	37.9	44.8	42.5	9.59	9.47	9.61
Textile & Apparel	23.8	23.6	25.4	199.51	188.72	189.16	35.5	33.7	34.9	5.62	5.60	5.42
Paper & Allied Products	12.9	13.4	13.4	390.40	396.79	380.70	41.4	41.9	42.3	9.43	9.47	9.00
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.7	7.0	6.6	399.23	398.77	385.73	41.2	41.8	41.7	9.69	9.54	9.25
Other Paper Products	6.2	6.4	6.7									
Printing & Publishing	40.9	40.7	40.4	372.27	399.18	360.69	38.9	40.9	37.3	9.57	9.76	9.67
Commercial Printing	13.4	13.4	13.1	430.00	463.95	420.25	40.0	42.8	40.1	10.75	10.84	10.48
Other Printing	27.5	27.3	27.3									
Chemicals & Allied	28.8	28.7	29.0	461.47	464.67	451.68	41.8	41.9	41.9	11.04	11.09	10.78
Leather & Leather Products	18.2	18.4	18.4	209.81	207.20	189.12	37.2	37.4	34.7	5.64	5.54	5.45
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.7	14.8	14.8	202.58	199.06	183.51	36.9	37.0	34.3	5.49	5.38	5.35
Other Leather Prod.	3.5	3.6	3.6									
Other Nondurable Goods	14.0	14.0	14.1									
Total Nonmanufacturing	1664.9	1701.1	1601.8									
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.1									
Construction	90.6	96.3	79.3									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.4	144.6	139.1									
Railroad Transportation	17.1	16.7	14.8									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	72.6	73.0	70.7									
Communications	54.8	54.8	53.6									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	514.0	531.0	488.8									
Wholesale Trade	130.6	131.1	130.7									
Retail Trade	383.5	399.9	358.1									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121.3	122.0	117.3									
Services	458.7	464.6	438.2									
Government	329.8	336.8	333.1									
Federal Government	70.7	70.4	69.8									
State & Local Government	259.1	266.4	263.3									

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Benchmarking has also taken place in the nonagricultural wage and salary (establishment) employment data, and these data now show gains consistent with those being shown by the total (household) employment data. Between January 1985 and January 1986, the state's nonfarm payrolls are estimated to have grown by 60,300 jobs, with all the net growth occurring in the nonmanufacturing industries. The greatest growth -- 25,400 jobs -- occurred in the retail trade industries, followed by services (20,500); construction (11,300); transportation and public utilities (5300); and finance, insurance, and real estate (4000). State and local government employment decreased by 4200 jobs in the period, while nondurable goods manufacturing industries lost 3100 jobs. Employment in durable goods manufacturing was little changed over the year.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National labor market conditions showed some similarity to the state's, in that unemployment increases and employment decreases were smaller than the usual seasonal changes, resulting in a seasonally adjusted increase in employment and decrease in unemployment. The seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate fell two-tenths of a point to 6.7 percent, while seasonally adjusted civilian employment increased by three-quarters of a million to 108,955,000. Over the past year, total civilian employment has grown by about 2.6 million, while the unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) dropped by seven-tenths of a percentage point. Also over the past year, nonfarm payrolls in the nation have grown by about 3 million jobs, with almost all the growth occurring in the service-producing industries, including services (1,100,000 jobs); retail trade (800,000 jobs); government (nearly 400,000 jobs); and finance, insurance, and real estate (300,000 jobs).

The nation's economy grew at a slower rate in the final quarter of 1985 than had previously been estimated. The annual rate of growth of inflation-adjusted gross national product (GNP) is now estimated at only 1.2 percent in the October-December 1985 period; the downward revision reflects a higher level of imports and lower inventory investment than shown by earlier estimates. GNP growth for the whole year is still estimated at 2.3 percent, down sharply from the 6.6 percent rate of 1984.

Outlook

After the slowdown late last year, some analysts are seeing evidence of increased economic activity early in 1986. Most forecasters are now looking for continued economic growth at least through 1986. Precipitous drops in the price of oil should increase consumer income and lower costs in many industries, further spurring growth.

Continuation of recent employment trends is expected in Missouri. Some deterioration in employment and unemployment conditions is usual in February, but decent weather conditions, though perhaps not as favorable as in January, may serve to limit the degree of the deteriorations.

Seasonal improvement should begin in March.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — January, 1986

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,435,600	2,493,900	2,391,400	-58,300	44,200
Total Employed	2,273,900	2,330,400	2,209,000	-56,500	64,900
Total Unemployed	161,700	163,500	182,400	-1,800	-20,700
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.6	6.6	7.6	0.0	-1.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,090,900	2,129,700	2,030,600	-38,800	60,300
Manufacturing	426,000	428,500	428,800	-2,500	-2,800
Durable Goods	244,100	246,300	243,800	-2,200	300
Nondurable Goods	181,900	182,300	185,000	-400	-3,100
Nonmanufacturing	1,664,900	1,701,100	1,601,800	-36,200	63,100
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	13,634	11,507	15,649	2,127	-2,015
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	70,880	51,425	64,192	19,455	6,688
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,692	3,418	4,704	1,274	-12
Amount of Benefits Paid	$24,326,983	$19,651,874	$20,917,129	$4,675,109	$3,409,854
State U.I.	23,866,235	19,264,514	20,510,486	4,601,721	3,355,749
UCFE	219,753	186,060	190,110	33,693	29,643
UCX	240,995	201,300	216,533	39,695	24,462

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

January, 1986

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For the third straight month the Area's unemployment rate held steady at 4.9 percent of the labor force. This January is the first in over 10 years that the unemployment rate showed no change from December to January. The number of unemployed persons increased only slightly over the month. In January 1986 there were 39,000 jobless persons. However, not since January 1980 has the Area's civilian labor force and civilian employment fallen so sharply. Civilian employment and the civilian labor force both fell by more than 25,000 persons over-the-month. Despite this significant drop in the number of employed individuals, the count of unemployed individuals did not rise, indicating that the job situation in the Area is becoming much tighter. Although job losses were primarily seasonal in nature, the size of the loss was much larger than usual and only one sector, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, actually experienced gains.

Wage and salaried employment in January 1986 was 693,000, down by 10,700 from the December 1985 total of 703,700. Manufacturing fell only slightly despite a significant loss of 600 jobs in Machinery. These losses, which were concentrated primarily in garden and construction machinery and equipment, and other losses in Electrical Equipment, were offset by small gains in several Nondurable Goods industries, Food, Apparel and Chemicals. Nonmanufacturing employment dropped by 10,600 over the period. Seasonal losses were largest in Retail Trade, which fell by 3,600 as temporary help during the holidays was laid off and January sales were weak. Services also fell by 3,500. Cutbacks in personnel supply, recreation, schools and membership organizations accounted for the decline. Construction was down by 3,300 as nonbuilding and special trades contractors recorded substantial losses. Losses in the airline industry and trucking resulted in losses of 1,000 in Transportation, Communications and Utilities. The timing of school break accounted for State and Local Government showing 800 fewer jobs. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was up by 1,200 as a result of increased activity in the real estate field.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 12,200 from January 1985 to January 1986, with a gain of 700 in Durable Goods Manufacturing, a loss of 300 in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing and a gain of 11,800 in Nonmanufacturing. The over-the-year gains in Durable Goods Manufacturing were concentrated in Fabricated Metals Product, Transportation Equipment and Stone, Clay and Glass Products. Within Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, Chemicals registered the only significant gain. The largest Manufacturing losses over-the-year were recorded in Electrical Equipment and Primary Metals while more modest losses were spread generally among the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries. Within the Nonmanufacturing sector most industries gained over last year's levels. Wholesale and Retail Trade were up by 6,700 jobs from last January with about 88 percent of that gain in Retail Trade. State and Local Government recorded 2,600 more jobs in January 1986 than last year with most of that gain occuring in eating and drinking establishments. Other industries posting substantial increases of year ago figures are Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, with 1,800 new jobs and Services with 1,400 more jobs. As a result of rather large losses over-the-month, Construction showed no change compared to levels reached last January. Losses were recorded in two industries, Transportation, Communications and Utilities was down 600 and Federal Government fell slightly below the January 1985 level.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 39,000 in January 1986 for 4.9 percent of the labor force, compared with 38,900 in December 1985 for 4.9 percent of the labor force and 43,600 in January 1985 for 5.5 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's labor market will show little change in February 1986. The continued slowdown in consumer spending will hold Retail Trade down to the lowest level of the year. Construction and Services will also reach low points but relatively mild February weather will hold losses down to a minimum. Overall Government employment should increase as additional tax processors are hired and increased employment in State and Local schools reflect the return from holiday term break. Unemployment is expected to be 5.1 percent of the labor force compared to 4.9 in January 1986 and 5.5 percent in February 1985.

Some improvement in the labor market will occur in March 1986. Seasonal factors are expected to spur increases in Construction, Services and Government. Retail Trade and Transportation, Communications and Utilities should show some slight employment increases. Unemployment is expected to be 4.8 percent of the labor force in March 1986 compared to 4.9 percent in March 1985.

Kansas City Area - Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 32,195 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of January 1986.

Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	16.0
	22-44	68.2
	45 and over	15.8
Sex:	Male	63.4
	Female	36.6
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	28.7
	Other Non-White	1.0
	Hispanic	2.0
Miscellaneous Characteristics		Per Cent
	Unemployment Insurance Claimants	48.3
	Veterans	19.9
	Handicapped	2.1

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated January 31, 1986.

Job Placements

During January 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,367 and job placements totaled 1,997. There were 1,612 veteran referrals in December 1985, with 298 veteran placements. During December 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 5,902 and job placements totaled 1,459. There were 1,183 veteran referrals in December 1985, with 217 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated January 31, 1986.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) January 1986

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	14.9	14.7	14.9
25-34	37.9	35.6	37.1
35-44	22.8	23.2	22.9
45-54	13.1	14.2	13.5
55-64	10.1	10.7	10.2
65 and over	1.1	1.6	1.3
Unreported	0.1	0.0	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.8
Mining	0.4
Construction	19.3
Manufacturing	26.3
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.4
Services	24.2
All Other	2.5
Information not available	2.9

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8.5
Clerical	13.9
Sales	3.1
Services	10.6
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	1.0
Processing	1.7
Machine Trades	7.5
Benchwork	9.3
Structural Work	14.1
Miscellaneous	16.2
Information not available	14.1

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,554; 4,941 were male and 2,613 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1985)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** January, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	693,000	703,700	680,000	-10,700	+12,200
Total Manufacturing	119,400	119,500	119,000	-100	+400
Durable Goods	68,200	68,800	67,500	-600	+700
Lumber & Furniture	3,200	3,300	3,200	-100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,800	3,700	3,600	+100	+200
Primary Metal Industries	3,500	3,500	3,900	0	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,500	9,500	9,000	0	+500
Machinery Except Electrical	7,700	8,300	7,700	-600	0
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,000	21,200	21,400	-100	-400
Transportation Equipment	15,600	15,600	15,100	0	+500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(15,300)	(15,300)	(14,900)	(0)	(+400)
Other Durable Goods	3,800	3,700	3,700	+100	+100
Nondurable Goods	51,200	50,700	51,500	+500	-300
Food & Kindred Products	9,400	9,200	9,500	+200	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,400	2,200	2,500	+200	-100
Paper & Allied Products	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Printing & Publishing	19,900	19,900	20,100	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,800	8,600	8,200	+200	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,700	5,100	-100	-500
Total Nonmanufacturing	573,600	584,200	561,800	-10,600	+11,800
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	26,100	29,400	26,100	-3,300	0
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	52,200	53,200	52,800	-1,000	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	186,300	189,700	179,600	-3,400	+6,700
Wholesale Trade	(56,400)	(56,200)	(55,600)	(+200)	(+800)
Retail Trade	(129,900)	(133,500)	(124,000)	(-3,600)	(+5,900)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	53,300	52,100	51,500	+1,200	+1,800
Services	150,300	153,800	148,900	-3,500	+1,400
Government	104,900	105,500	102,400	-600	+2,500
Federal Government	(28,800)	(28,600)	(28,900)	(+200)	(-100)
State & Local Government	(76,100)	(76,900)	(73,500)	(-800)	(+2,600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	300	300	100	0	+200

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data:** January, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$444.00	$476.10	$451.26	40.0	41.8	41.4	$11.10	$11.39	$10.90
Durable Goods	471.64	507.56	491.78	39.7	41.4	41.5	11.88	12.26	11.85
Lumber & Furniture	272.48	277.97	289.91	34.8	35.5	38.5	7.83	7.83	7.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	463.35	446.18	439.61	39.3	38.2	37.8	11.79	11.68	11.63
Primary Metal Industries	441.21	546.74	435.57	42.1	45.6	39.1	10.48	11.99	11.14
Fabricated Metal Products	383.27	375.20	362.21	39.8	38.8	39.2	9.63	9.67	9.24
Machinery Exc. Electrical	404.94	446.90	429.68	39.2	41.0	41.0	10.33	10.90	10.48
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	442.74	465.28	480.70	38.6	39.7	41.8	11.47	11.72	11.50
Transportation Equipment	654.05	730.08	689.63	43.2	46.8	45.4	15.14	14.60	15.19
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(659.03)	(735.39)	(694.79)	(43.3)	(46.9)	(45.5)	(15.22)	(15.68)	(15.27)
Other Durable Goods	208.10	235.20	240.10	39.6	33.8	34.9	7.03	6.96	6.88
Nondurable Goods	398.34	426.00	382.75	40.4	42.6	41.2	9.86	10.00	9.29
Food & Kindred Products	410.00	429.00	400.73	41.0	42.9	41.1	10.00	10.00	9.75
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	196.32	197.73	197.96	35.5	33.8	35.1	5.53	5.85	5.64
*Paper & Allied Products	452.89	448.75	393.55	45.7	45.1	42.5	9.91	9.95	9.26
Printing & Publishing	394.37	447.45	393.00	37.1	40.9	39.3	10.63	10.94	10.00
Chemicals & Allied Products	492.89	568.58	484.71	41.7	47.5	45.3	11.82	11.97	10.70
Petroleum & Coal Products	350.40	396.26	399.67	36.5	42.2	40.7	9.60	9.39	9.82
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* This series excludes industry 2771.
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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

January, 1986

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Area Labor Force Developments (Missouri Portion Only)

The Missouri portion of the St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 6.2% in December 1985 to 6.3% in January 1986. Revised labor force data for the Illinois portion of the area is not yet available for January 1986 and all of 1985. Unemployment declined by 300 over the month while employment was down by 15,700. Seasonal layoffs in trade, services, and government caused the employment decline. Unusual mild weather in January allowed construction activity to remain strong and kept the unemployment rate below expected seasonal levels. If St. Louis had experienced average January weather, construction employment would have declined and the unemployment rate may have reached 6.8%. Over the year, unemployment in the Missouri portion declined 4800 and total employment rose 34,200. The unemployment rate in January 1985 was 7.0%. There were 200 labor disputants in January 1986, 400 in December 1985 and 300 in January 1985.

Manufacturing (St. Louis MSA)

Manufacturing employment declined 100 over the month. All sectors registered little or no movement from December 1985. Over the year, manufacturing added 900 workers. Motor vehicles is up 2900 and the aircraft industry has added 1200 workers. Primary metals, down 1500, suffered the largest job loss. Other industries registering significant declines were chemicals, leather, apparel, and nonelectrical machinery.

Nonmanufacturing (St. Louis MSA)

Nonmanufacturing employment declined 14,300 over the

month. Retail trade, down 7800, experienced seasonal layoffs of temporary workers after the holiday buying season. Holiday school closings caused non-teaching personnel layoffs in services and government. Construction employment was unchanged because of the January weather conditions. Over the year, nonmanufacturing added 25,800 workers. The service sector, up 11,000, was responsible for over 42% of the nonmanufacturing job growth. Significant gains were also reported in trade, construction and finance. Railroads, down 900, continued to register losses. Health care worker layoffs caused a 1200 decline in state and local government employment.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 4000 in January from December. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 2500 and in the Illinois portion they were up 1500.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '86
INA	0	2	0	0
Agriculture	26	40	76	154
Mining	25	27	38	34
Construction	882	1566	2761	3316
Manufacturing Total	3056	3716	3588	4255
Food	338	488	492	484
Textile	20	23	19	46
Apparel	195	152	143	290
Lumber	20	37	44	49
Furniture	69	89	76	88
Paper	85	90	94	87
Printing	143	163	148	168
Chemicals	284	323	249	252
Petroleum	23	21	27	26
Rubber	82	114	118	148
Leather	178	174	182	188
Stone	28	77	81	99
Primary Metal	100	154	155	247
Fabricated Metal	423	510	489	560
Machinery	89	106	119	112
Electrtical Machinery	317	396	346	432
Transportation Equip.	187	234	236	309
Instruments	20	31	20	26
Miscellaneous	453	541	549	637
Public Utilities	490	752	644	767
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1607	2252	2102	2280
Finance	261	318	313	267
Services	4308	5526	5265	5991
All Other	247	289	300	332
TOTAL	10902	14488	15087	17386

Of the 17,386 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in January, 1986, 65.7 percent were male and 34.3 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '86
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1546	1855	1642	1725
Clerical	1931	2386	2204	2340
Sales	470	634	546	614
Farm, Fish & Forest	67	103	204	288
Processing	236	316	298	348
Machine Trades	865	1129	1133	1272
Bench Work	736	762	701	825
Structural Work	1006	1445	1768	2329
Misc. Work	1333	1904	1975	2275
Domestic	38	51	45	63
Other Services	1569	2052	2038	2279
INA	1105	1851	2533	3028
TOTAL	10902	14488	15087	17386

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.0	15.6	19.6	41.1	2.1
Placements, %	43.6	12.3	39.3	40.5	2.2

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.4	1.5
Clerical	14.9	11.4
Sales	16.2	18.7
Processing	1.5	1.7
Machine Trades	5.2	3.4
Bench Work	3.4	3.9
Structural Work	12.6	14.3
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.0	3.6
Packaging & Material Handling	8.9	11.2
Domestic	1.0	0.8
Other Services	27.7	28.5
Other Occupations	1.2	1.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** January, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,064,000	1,078,300	1,037,300	-14,300	+26,700
Percent Change				-(1.3)	+(2.6)
Manufacturing	224,600	224,700	223,700	-100	+900
Durable Goods	141,700	141,900	138,600	-200	+3,100
Lumber & Furniture	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,300	3,400	3,100	-100	+200
Primary Metal Industries	13,700	13,800	15,200	-100	-1,500
Fabricated Metal Products	17,000	17,000	17,300	0	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	17,900	17,800	18,300	+100	-400
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,700	15,600	15,300	+100	+400
Transportation Equipment	56,800	56,800	52,200	0	+4,600
Motor Vehicles	21,900	22,000	19,000	-100	+2,900
Aircraft & Parts	28,700	28,700	27,500	0	+1,200
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	82,900	82,800	85,000	+100	-2,100
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	21,000	21,100	-100	-200
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Beverages	8,100	8,100	8,300	0	-200
Textiles & Apparel	6,300	6,400	6,700	-100	-400
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,800	6,000	-100	-300
Printing & Publishing	16,400	16,300	16,800	+100	-400
Chemical & Allied Products	20,300	20,200	21,000	+100	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Leather & Leather Products	4,600	4,700	5,100	-100	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,900	5,800	5,600	+100	+300
Nonmanufacturing	839,400	853,700	813,600	-14,300	+25,800
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Construction	51,900	51,900	46,800	0	+5,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,200	72,500	72,300	-300	-100
Railroads	4,800	4,800	5,700	0	-900
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,800	39,100	38,900	-300	-100
Communications & Public Utilities	28,700	28,600	27,700	+100	+1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	255,300	263,400	248,000	+8,100	+7,300
Wholesale Trade	65,100	65,400	65,200	-300	-100
Retail Trade	190,200	198,000	182,800	-7,800	+7,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66,400	66,300	63,400	+100	+3,000
Service, Except Domestic	255,900	258,900	244,900	-3,000	+11,000
Total Government	134,100	137,200	134,600	-3,100	-500
Total Federal Government	37,800	38,000	37,000	-200	+800
Total State & Local Government	96,300	99,200	97,500	-2,900	-1,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	200	400	300	-200	-100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — **Month and Year of Current Data:** January, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$467.10	$479.52	$438.99	41.3	42.1	39.8	$11.31	$11.39	$11.03
Durable Goods	497.54	508.13	458.34	42.2	42.7	40.1	11.79	11.90	11.43
Lumber & Furniture	364.31	370.37	373.68	40.3	40.7	43.2	9.04	9.10	8.65
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	388.13	352.80	377.64	37.0	33.6	36.7	10.49	10.50	10.29
Primary Metal Industries	519.91	501.41	451.65	43.8	43.3	37.7	11.87	11.58	11.98
Fabricated Metal Products	443.28	444.26	422.09	42.5	42.8	40.9	10.43	10.38	10.32
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	465.98	485.52	449.34	42.4	42.0	41.3	10.99	11.56	10.88
Elect & Electronic Equip.	402.12	397.60	321.65	40.7	40.0	38.8	9.88	9.94	8.29
Transportation Equipment	617.38	640.27	570.35	43.6	44.9	41.3	14.16	14.26	13.81
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	300.85	320.40	306.54	37.7	40.0	36.8	7.98	8.01	8.33
Nondurable Goods	408.04	422.69	406.76	39.5	40.8	39.3	10.33	10.36	10.36
Food & Kindred Products	493.29	503.69	498.15	40.6	41.8	41.0	12.15	12.05	12.15
Textiles & Apparel	205.18	210.40	205.11	33.2	34.1	34.3	6.18	6.17	5.98
Paper & Paper Products	400.75	446.58	415.58	41.4	45.2	41.6	9.68	9.88	9.99
Printing & Publishing	377.74	393.84	385.10	37.4	38.2	37.1	10.10	10.31	10.38
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	512.24	507.31	467.31	43.3	42.1	41.1	11.83	12.05	11.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	623.57	620.84	639.21	44.1	44.0	44.7	14.14	14.11	14.30
Leather & Leather Products	188.94	213.70	184.10	33.5	37.1	35.2	5.64	5.76	5.23
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

January, 1986

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA unemployment rate, estimated at 5.3 percent for January, shows no change from the previous month. Approximately 6,000 persons were unemployed during December and January. During January 1985, there were 6,500 unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 6.0 percent of the labor force.

Total employment fell 700 between December and January. This drop is somewhat less than the normal seasonal expectation.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment was off 1,700 from December to 98,400 in January. The entire decrease, which was mostly seasonal, occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. Nonmanufacturing industries recording changes in employment levels since December include: construction, up 100; trade, down 600; services, down 200; and government, down 1,000. The drops in trade and government were fostered by seasonal influences and are in line with changes that normally occur between December and January. Construction responded to favorable weather conditions and posted an employment gain in January instead of the normal seasonal loss.

Since January 1985, payrolled employment is up 2,300. This is the net result of a reduction of 1,200 manufacturing jobs and a jump of 3,500 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers and related workers fell from $9.02 in

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current: January, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	98,400	100,100	96,100	-1,700	+2,300
Manufacturing	18,700	18,700	19,900	0	-1,200
Durable Goods	9,600	9,600	10,700	0	-1,100
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	900	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,600	8,600	9,800	0	-1,200
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	-100
Food Processing	3,700	3,800	3,900	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,600	1,600	+100	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	79,700	81,400	76,200	-1,700	+3,500
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,100	3,600	+100	+600
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	6,000	6,200	0	-200
Trade	27,500	28,100	26,600	-600	+900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	+200
Services	25,000	25,200	22,800	-200	+2,200
Government	12,300	13,300	12,500	-1,000	-200
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	10,600	11,600	10,800	-1,000	-200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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December to $8.92 in January. The drop was fostered by less overtime worked in the nondurable manufacturing segment. Average weekly hours worked were down 1.9 hours from December to 40.4 hours in January.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate increase in February. Most of the jump will be in state and local government. This mirrors seasonal changes at state and local educational institutions following the holiday break.

The rate of unemployment is expected to remain near the January level during February. By March, a seasonal down trend should be established.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$360.37	$381.55	$342.95	40.4	42.3	40.3	$8.92	$9.02	$8.51
Durable Goods	336.71	354.47	330.88	39.8	41.9	40.4	8.46	8.46	8.19
Nondurable Goods	388.40	413.88	362.60	41.1	42.8	40.2	9.45	9.67	9.02
Food & Kindred Products	429.09	442.82	380.22	42.4	43.8	41.6	10.12	10.11	9.14
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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